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IN BIG BEND AREA

Mexican Aid Sought

By BILL BINNANT
Standard-Times Religious Editor

The Rev. Glen Godsey of Marfa, superintendent of missions for the Big Bend Baptist Association, showed films here Wednesday night, and described the spiritual and physical needs of Mexican nationals along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend area of Texas and then challenged his listeners to assist in efforts to help them.

"The Call to Macedonia has been reenacted many, many times in the mission field all over the world; and today, the call comes to us from along the Rio Grande River in West Texas," he told members and visitors at the First Baptist Church.

He said seven associations of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, including the Big Bend Baptist Association, are now participating in mission endeavors in the Big Bend area of Texas along an 880-mile stretch of the river, but the field is wide open for any church or other organization wishing to help bring medical, financial and spiritual here.

THE REV. Mr. Godsey said the problem of drinking water is one of the most acute ones existing there at present. After an American drilling contractor failed to assist in drilling water wells across the river in Mexico, he was forced to obtain a Mexican contractor to do the work. Money and materials for approximately 12 drinking water wells will have to be provided by members of Texas Baptist churches and individual businessmen.

Because of the dire need of the people for an adequate and healthful supply of drinking water, and the remoteness of the area in which the wells must be drilled, he appealed to the church members to cooperate in this endeavor.

"The Mexican nationals across the Rio Grande are, for the most part, hungry for the Gospel of Christ and respond quickly and favorably to mission work in their area," the 'River Missionary' said. "It seems more feasible to build mission churches across the river in Mexico, because the Mexican nationals are reluctant to cross the Rio Grande to attend religious services. They fear arrest by the U. S. Border Patrol, and it is therefore more practical to build the missions on their side of the river."

The Rev. Mr. Godsey said Immigration Service personnel have told him that they would not arrest the Mexicans crossing the river to attend religious services, but the Mexicans are still apprehensive. A brush arbor erected for church services several years ago on the American side of the river in an extremely isolated area bears the sign: "This is God's Country — Stop and Pray."

"THE RIVER missionary" said several churches in Texas are now assisting the Big Bend Baptist Association, Baptist General Convention and Southern Baptist Convention in its mission endeavors in the Big Bend. Church services at Boquillas, Coahuila, Mexico are now being held in the Old Customs Building, with an attendance of about 155 persons. The mission is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Fort Stockton.

At San Vicente, Coahuila, across from the Big Bend National Park, the First Baptist Church of Midland has erected a 40 by 40 foot church building where approximately 150 persons worship. The work was done by church laymen who helped college students conduct a Vacation Bible School there during the Easter holidays, he said. The Chapel Choir from Plainview visited the mission and conducted song services.

The Rev. Mr. Godsey said there are approximately 1,500 persons in the Mulato area of Northern Mexico who need to learn about Christ. In this particular area, the customs officials would not let him cross the Rio Grande except at designated spots.

A MISSION is being operated at Ojinaga, across from Presidio, by the Presidio church. He made a special appeal to the group to consider sponsoring a mission at San Antonio de Bravo, where more than 600 persons reside. Pure drinking water is also badly needed in this community, he added.

At El Comisdor, Chihuahua, there is no church at present, but foundations are now being laid for a church building. About 22 persons meet in a small room. Elmwood Baptist Church of Dallas is sponsoring the mission.

The mission at Los Fresnos is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Crane, the new mission building now being built at Pilares is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Alpine, the Porvenir Mission is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Marfa, and the Lamas de Arena Mission is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Van Horn.

THE REV. Mr. Godsey said the new Mobile Clinic "Amigos Internacionales" now ready for use along the Rio Grande in West Texas had its first trial run recently. It was manned by Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Goddard of Bastrop. More than 75 Mexicanationals were inoculated and treated on the tour, the Rev. Mr. Godsey said. Doctors from all over Texas have indicated a desire to participate in the river medical project.

The Rev. Mr. Godsey was presented with a large box of clothing and personal articles by the Junior Girl's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church. He told the girls that items such as combs, pencils, hair brushes, plastic flowers, and other articles are greatly needed and appreciated by the Mexicans. Junior Girl's Auxiliary sponsors include Mrs. Bill Ragsdale, Mrs. Harold Mathis, Mrs. A. C. Briscoe, Mrs. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Harold Seefeld, and Mrs. George Faulkner.

The Rev. Mr. Godsey said that the Rev. Raymond Sanders, formerly of the First Baptist Church of Van Horn, and Mrs. (Jan) Sanders have been added to the river missionary staff.

CHRISTMAS MISSION GIFTS — Members of the Junior Girls' Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church present a box of Christmas gifts to the Rev. Glen Godsey, river missionary for the Big Bend Baptist Association. The gifts will be distributed to Mexican nationals along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend area of Texas. Shown above are Cayle Hill, left front; Joy Lee Lackey, left rear; Mrs. Harold Mathis, sponsor; Georgann Faulkner, Connie Perry and the Rev. Mr. Godsey. (S-T Photo)

Methodists Slate Kerrville Seminar

KERRVILLE (STNS) — A seminar for new ministers in the Rio Grande, West Texas and Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church will begin here at 6 p.m. Wednesday and end Friday, announced the Rev. Bill Hathaway, pastor Trinity Methodist Church of San Antonio, chairman of the board of ministry.

The conference is designed primarily for new ministers who have been in the field for three years or less, he said. Site of the conference is Mount Wesley near here.

Dr. Forrest Wiksten, counselor to ministers and their families in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, will speak on "The Man In Clergyman," and "Preachers, Private and Professional." Ministers and laymen from the three conferences are also scheduled to speak at the conference meetings.

Chief speaker at the meetings will be Bishop O. Eugene Slater, of the newly-created San Antonio Area. He will discuss the mission and administration of the church at the grass roots, the Rev. Mr. Hathaway said.

Assisting in development of the program include Dr. Ted Richardson, Southwest Texas Conference; the Rev. Prenza L. Woods, West Texas Conference; and the Rev. Roy Barton, Rio Grande Conference, all of San Antonio.

REV. J. BENNETT TATE
. . . New pastor

Ex-Angelo Minister Leaves Post

DUBUQUE, Iowa (STNS) — The Rev. J. Bennett Tate, former pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, USA, and teacher at San Angelo College, has been appointed associate dean of students at the University of Dubuque, announced Dr. William G. Chalmers, president.

A native of Saskatchewan, Canada, the Rev. Mr. Tate attended school in Canada and the United States, receiving his B.A. degree from the University of Dubuque in 1958 and his B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1962.

While in San Angelo, he served as corporation court judge, dean of a lay academy, and in numerous civic organizations. The Tates live at 1885 McCormick St., in Dubuque.

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IN 1933

Adventists Start Church In Angelo

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the size and history of religious denominations represented in San Angelo. The series will appear each week on the Religious News page.

By VICKY HENDERSON
Standard-Times Intern

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church of San Angelo was organized May 13, 1933 with 12 charter members meeting in homes prior to 1933. The leaders of the Texas Conference sent Elder C. Walgren to San Angelo in February 1933. The first meetings were held in the old Rex Theater building at 121 N. Chadbourne St.

The following Sabbath, 35 persons joined the church, making a total of 48 members. On May 17, 1941, the congregation moved into the church building at 1201 Koberlin with Elder Mr. Delafield as pastor.

During the early years of the church, a well-organized Dorcas Society was formed under the leadership of Elders Priete, Phillips, Vore and Murray. After World War II, Elder Joe Carner served as pastor until 1950. Between 1950 and 1960, the Elders Lowe, Schneider, Steward, Rose and Fillman served the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Under the leadership of Elder R. A. Jenkins, the groundbreaking on the new church site was held in June 1963 at the corner of 18th and North Oakes. Dedication of the new Seventh-Day Adventist Church was in November 1964.

Still under the jurisdiction of the Southwest Texas-New Mexico conference with headquarters in Amarillo, other pastors to serve the Seventh-Day Adventist Church have been Elder Ralph Cash and the Rev. Michael F. Clute.

MRS. MARION BLEDSOE
. . . New teacher

First Baptist Kindergarten Adds Teacher

Mrs. Marion Bledsoe has been added to the kindergarten teaching staff at First Baptist Church, announced the Rev. Jack McElhaney, minister of education at First Baptist.

Mrs. Bledsoe has had seven years' experience with kindergarten children on television's "Romper Room" program. She received her training through the Romper Room program in Baltimore, Md.

She is a member of Park Heights Baptist Church.

"I feel the addition of Mrs. Bledsoe will greatly strengthen our kindergarten program," Rev. McElhaney said, "and I think the few vacancies we have will be filled in a few days as a result of her joining the staff."

He added that First Baptist lacks four or five instructors in the kindergarten classes.

Mrs. Bledsoe assumes duties Sept. 3, joining Mrs. Bryan Moorhead in the four-year-old division.

DEADLINE

Deadline for Religious News is Wednesday noon.

Businessmen Slate Zientek To Speak

The Very Rev. Benedict Zientek, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, will be the principal speaker at the regular Sunday morning services of the Businessmen's Bible Class, announced Sam Price, publicity chairman of the local non-denominational Sunday School class.

Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee and fellowship meeting and regular services will follow, Price said. The Rev. Mr. Zientek will speak in the absence of J. G. Bunyard, regular teacher, who is out of the city, he added.

Officers of the Businessmen Bible Class include J. Homer Goode, president, who was recently released from the hospital and is now at home; Billy Graham, vice president; Charlie Poulter, song leader; Ralph Masterson, pianist; and Price, publicity chairman.

REV. BENEDICT ZIENTEK
. . . Bible Class speaker

'Mr. Moo' Wins

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Sara Donnelly's entry won the "name the cow" contest sponsored by the San Diego Milk Council even though she may be confused about animal's gender. Sara, 8, submitted the name "Mr. Marvin Moo."

Churches of Christ

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Sunday 10-11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7:30
4th Wednesdays, Singing
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655-4468 655-6442

Lake View Christian Church, San Angelo
Lloyd H. Thompson — Minister Bowie at East 40th
9:45 A.M.—BIBLE SCHOOL
10:45 A.M.—COMMUNION AND WORSHIP
5:45 P.M.—CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:15 P.M.—EVENING DEVOTION
6:30 P.M.—UNIFIED SERVICE—ADULTS-YOUTH
Nursery Attended

Episcopal Churches

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Established 1884
Sunday Services: 8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:30 A.M. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
RANDOLPH AND HARRIS PHONE 655-6364
Holy Communion — Wednesday and Saints Days — 10 A.M.
The Rev. Andrew Krumbhaar, Curate
The Rev. Morris Elliott, Rector

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
W. Beauregard & Moritz Circle—949-6260
Sunday Services:
8:00 A.M.—The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.
10:00 A.M.—The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Church school for pre-school children.
The Rev. Richard F. Neal, Vicar

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SUNDAY MENU

SOUP: CREAM OF CHICKEN
SALAD: CONGEALED PERFECTION OR TOSSED GREEN
ENTREE:
CHAR BROILED DINNER STEAK 2.25
ROAST TURKEY AND DRESSING, GIBLET GRAVY 1.50
BAKED VIRGINIA HAM, RAISIN SAUCE 1.50
CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS, FAMILY STYLE 1.40
ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF au jus 2.25
POACHED HALIBUT STEAK, LEMON BUTTER 1.50
GRILLED CENTER CUT PORK CHOP, APPLE SAUCE 1.75
STUFFED DEVILED CRAB ON TOAST 1.50
RASHER CALF LIVER WITH BACON 1.40
FRESH WATER CATFISH WITH TARTER SAUCE 2.00
VEGETABLES:
SNOWFLAKE POTATOES
SWEET POTATOES WITH MARSHMALLOWS
WHOLE KERNER CORN
BROCCOLI SPEARS WITH HOLLANDAISE SAUCE
HOT ROLLS BLUEBERRY MUFFINS
DESSERTS:
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, ICE CREAM AND SHERBET
ASSORTED HOMEMADE CREAM PIE

Pictured Rev. & Mrs. J. E. Chessman with daughter Sherri

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9:30 ..... CHURCH SCHOOL
10:45 .. MORNING WORSHIP
6:00 .... YOUTH MEETINGS
7:00 .... EVENING SERVICE
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Beauregard at Oakes Minister: Elmer J. Hierholzer

Southern Baptist Churches Of West Texas

LINDELL AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
721 Lindell — San Angelo
JACK BEDFORD, Pastor
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
6:30 P.M. Training Union
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship

HILLCREST
Chestnut at Campus
Billy Hendrix, pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 8 p.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.

LAKE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
306 EAST 39TH ST.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:45 A.M. TRAINING UNION—6:15
WORSHIP SERVICES—11:00 A.M. AND 7:30 P.M.
Pastor, BRYAN ROSS
Music and Youth Director, OWEN AYLOR

HEAR OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE OVER KWFR, 1260 KC.
Sunday School 9:45 Training Union 6:15
Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Worship 7:30
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Warren G. Hall, Pastor
Corner N. Oakes and 16th St.

HARRIS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
1026 East Harris Avenue
J. EARL DUNN, pastor
Sunday School — 9:45 a.m. Training Union — 6:15 p.m.
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Adequate Parking and Nursery Facilities
Worship Services — 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Harris and Oakes

9:35 A.M. — Bible School
10:55 — Worship Service
"SERMON BY THE PASTOR"
6:00 — Training Union
7:15 — Evening Worship
"SERMON BY THE PASTOR"
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ALSO AT 11:00 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY AT 1240 A.M.
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5 Parking Lots Adjacent to Church
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JACK B. McELHANEY, Associate Minister

"GOD CHOSE POOR
men, whose only wealth was their faith." There is no room for snobbery in the circle of the redeemed.
9:30 A.M.—EARLY WORSHIP
9:45 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL
You can't afford to do less for the child committed to you.
11:00 A.M.—"GOD, HAVE MERCY"
6:00 P.M.—TRAINING UNION
7:00 P.M.—"ONE OF GOD'S GIANTS"
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